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Applicants: Nicholas Kim Hayward, et al. **Examiner:** Christine J. Saoud
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2002 setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group VII, Claims 59-60, drawn to a nucleic acid which hybridizes to SEQ ID NO:3 and encodes a VEGF-B molecule.

REMARKS

Claims 43-68 are present in this application and have been subjected to restriction by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

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